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DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION FOR STATE AND CONSUMER SERVICES AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING SENIOR ACCOUNTING OFFICER (SPECIALIST)

FINAL FILING DATE: September 27, 2006

HOW TO APPLY: Applications (Form 678) must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.

Applications may be filed in person or by mail at:

Department of Fair Employment and Housing
2218 Kausen Drive, Suite 100
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Attn: Testing Office

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS ONLY TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED ABOVE. DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.

SPECIAL TESTING: If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in item 2 of the "Application for Examination." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

SALARY RANGE: \$4,111.00 - \$4,997.00

COMPETITION LIMITED TO STATE EMPLOYEES: Applicants must have permanent civil service status with the State of California and have promotional examination eligibility with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing as of the final filing date.

CROSS FILING INFORMATION: If you meet the entrance requirements for this class and for the Senior Accounting Officer (Supervisor) scheduled on the same day, you may file for both examinations on a single application.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION:

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date.

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportional basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as either I, "or" II, "or" III, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II may be admitted to the examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Either I

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a professional accounting class equivalent in level to Accounting Officer (Specialist) or Accounting Officer (Supervisor).

Or II

Experience: Three years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience in a governmental or private setting. For at least one year, this responsibility must have included the reporting and analyses of accounts, records, funds and financial operations of the entity. [Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Accounting Officer (Specialist) or Accounting Officer (Supervisor).]

and

Education:

Either I

Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting. (Registration as a Senior Student in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

Or II

Completion of a prescribed professional accounting curriculum given by a residence or correspondence school of accountancy, including courses in elementary and advanced accounting, auditing, cost accounting and business law.

Or III

Completion of the equivalent of 19 semester hours of course work; 16 hours of which shall be professional accounting courses given by a collegiate-grade residence institution, including courses in elementary and advanced accounting, auditing, and cost accounting; and three semester hours of business law.

(Persons who will complete work requirements outlined under II and III above during the current quarter or semester will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC: Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond.

THE POSITION

This is the second journey person level in the series. Incumbents, under general direction of an Accounting Administrator, independently perform the more difficult accounting duties which require an understanding of the entire accounting process, such as coordinate implementation of accounting for new programs/functions; review proposals to change accounting procedures; prepare cash analysis reports for management; coordinate completion of year-end reports. Assignments at this level may involve responsibilities which impact the entire accounting operation and may be given broad discretion in the solution of problems. Incumbents in this class have no supervisory responsibilities, but may serve as a lead for lower level accounting personnel.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION: This examination utilizes an evaluation of each candidate's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out their applications. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the application. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully to focus on the type of information that will be useful to the staff conducting the evaluation.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.**Scope:**

In addition to evaluating the candidate's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each candidate's:

- A. Knowledge of:
 - 1. Accounting principles and procedures.
 - 2. Governmental accounting and budgeting.
 - 3. The uniform accounting system and financial organization and procedures of the State of California and related laws, rules, and regulations.
 - 4. Principles of business management, including office methods and procedures.
 - 5. Principles of public finance; business law.
- B. Ability to:
 - 1. Apply accounting principles and procedures.
 - 2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions.
 - 3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
 - 4. Prepare clear, complete, and concise reports.
 - 5. Make sound decisions and recommendations in regard to the professional accounting problems in maintaining control of a departmental budget.
 - 6. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work.
 - 7. Speak and write effectively.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION: A departmental promotional eligible list will be established for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, headquarters office only. The list will be abolished 24 months after it is established unless the needs of the Department and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

Veterans preference credit is not granted in promotional examinations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact Human Resources at (916) 478-7227 three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

For an examination without a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility to contact Human Resources at (916) 478-7227 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department noted on the front.

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The State Personnel Board reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs, his/her plans for self-development, and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

Promotional Examinations Only: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances, other employees may be allowed to compete in promotional examinations. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental Human Resources offices or at the Information Counter of State Personnel Board offices.

High School Equivalence: Equivalency to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have an education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

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